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[ ] RECONTACTED MARCH SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN LAST  
 AT FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA BY CHICAGO  
 AGENT. AS BUREAU AWARE, [ ] WAS CLOSE ASSOCIATE SAM  
 GIANCANA, MARSHALL CAIFANO AND SEVERAL OTHER UPPER  
 ECHELON LEADERS ORGANIZED CRIME IN CHICAGO.

ON ONE OF PREVIOUS CONTACTS HE ADVISED THAT HE  
 HAD BEEN INFORMED BY SEVERAL OF HIS ASSOCIATES IN  
 ORGANIZED CRIME INCLUDING WILLIAM "WILLIE" MESSINA,  
 JOSEPH "GAGS" GAGLIANO AND TONY SPILOTRO THAT THERE  
 HAS BEEN A "MORATORIUM" ON GAGLAND SLAYINGS IN CHICAGO  
 AREA FOR PAST TWO YEARS OR SO FOR REASON THAT CHICAGO  
 GROUP WANTED TO PLAY DOWN THEIR IMAGE AS KILLERS SINCE

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PUBLIC HAD BECOME AROUSED OVER NUMEROUS KILLINGS AND COURTS WERE BEING INFLUENCED BY THIS IMAGE TO REFUSE APPEAL BONDS, GIVE HEAVIER SENTENCES, ETC.

[ ] ADVISED HE HAD SPECIFICALLY BEEN ADVISED BY MESSINA THAT ONE OF REASONS FOR "MORATORIUM ON HITS" WAS APPEAL OF FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ADLERISIO WHICH HAD BEEN PENDING IN U.S. SUPREME COURT. SINCE ADLERISIO KNOWN IN CHICAGO AS CHIEF "HIT MAN", CHICAGO GROUP DID NOT DESIRE TO CONTINUE PREVIOUS FAST PACE OF KILLINGS DUE TO THEIR BELIEF SUCH WOULD PREJUDICE SUPREME COURT AGAINST ADLERISIO.

[ ] ADVISED MESSINA TOLD HIM ON THAT OCCASION; "WAIT UNTIL PHILLY GET REVERSED. HE'LL SHOW THESE STOOL PIGEONS WHO HAVE BEEN BLOWING OFF THAT THINGS HAVEN'T REALLY CHANGED AFTER ALL."

[ ] ALSO ADVISED BY SPILOTRO, UNDERLING OF ADLERISIO, THAT WHEN ADLERISIO'S CASE WAS REVERSED, AS ADLERISIO WAS

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SAID IT WOULD BE, "THINGS WILL BE STRAIGHTENED OUT.

THERE WILL BE SOME MORE TRUNK JOBS THEN."

[ ] NOW ADVISES HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WITH RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ALDERISIO CASE "THE MORATORIUM IS OFF" AND POLICY OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN CHICAGO WILL REVERT BACK TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ANYONE WHO VIOLATES TIME HONORED PRECEPTS OF CODE OF UNDERWORLD.

[ ] ALSO ADVISED CONTRIBUTING TO DECISION OF CHICAGO GROUP TO DECLARE "MORATORIUM" WAS APPEAL BY CAR BATTAGLIA, FORMER TOP LEADER OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN CHICAGO, WHICH HAD BEEN PENDING IN EFFORT TO HAVE BATTAGLIA RELEASED ON APPEAL BOND. HOWEVER, U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS HAS AFFIRMED BATTAGLIA'S CONVICTION AND CHICAGO GROUP IS APPARENTLY CONVINCED THAT BATTAGLIA'S APPEAL HAS SMALL CHANCE OF PREVAILING AT HIGHER LEVEL.

[ ] ADVISED GANGLAND SLAYINGS WILL NOW RECOMMENCE AND THAT RECALCITRANT HOODLUM FIGURES WHO HAVE BEEN SPARED PHYSICAL VIOLENCE DURING "MORATORIUM" WILL NOW BE DEALT WITH.

CHICAGO CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS SITUATION AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS WITH COPY TO USA, CHICAGO.

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